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We hope that the second part of this work will soon be issued ; but we understand that some delay in the publication is to be expected in the present condition of the Government printing office.—C.

**Evolution or Creation.**<sup>4</sup>—The author of this discussion calls it a “critical review” of the scientific and scriptural theories of the universe. The criticism loses its value when he states in the opening chapter, not only his bias towards, but his firm belief in the Biblical account of creation, “*literatum et spellatum*.” In stating the evolution theory he allows his imagination free play, unhampered by any conception of its real meaning or its bearing on the study of the problem of life as we find it developed on this planet.

Among the original hypotheses offered for the reader’s consideration is one that dates the Mosaic week of creation somewhere about the end of the ice age. This, says the writer, “solves a score of scientific and exegetical difficulties that hitherto have been paraded as fatal to the credibility of the sacred Scriptures ;” but it also leaves us completely at sea as to the author’s views of the origin of the forms of life that preceded this so-called “Creation.” Or, does he generously leave time, space and material for the evolutionist to demonstrate his theories?

Again, Mr. Townsend assumes a knowledge of the ways and means of the Creator, which is startling, even to a naturalist. His description of the genesis of man would appear to better advantage in the pages of the modern realistic novel than it does in a critical essay. Finally, we are gravely told that the “chief end of the creation” (not only of the world but) “of the universe, is so glorify *man* and enjoy him forever.” We refer to this book not because it has any value, but, because in this country where biological education is only beginning to be general, a good many persons may suppose that it has.

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